SPONSOR'S VIEW:

Rep. Rudd said that he didn't think Gov. White "fully understood the bill." Shock probation serves as a "middle ground between absolute probation and absolute incarceration." The bill would have expanded shock-probation eligibility for those who are already eligible for regular probation, so it would have given the judge three sentencing alternatives instead of two.

NOTES:

The analysis of HB 888 appeared in the May 11 Daily Floor Report.

Write-in votes for school trustees (HB 943, by Connelly)

DIGEST:

HB 943 would have applied the rules for write-in candidacies in the general election of state and county officers to the election of trustees of independent school districts. Specifically, these rules require the write-in candidate to file a declaration of candidacy by certain dates and to comply with the Election Code's campaign-finance reporting and disclosure requirements.

GOVERNOR'S REASONS FOR VETO:

The bill is too limited. It leaves out "a great percentage of the so-called local elections—those for common school districts, city elections, rural high school districts, hospital districts and many others."

SPONSOR'S VIEW:

Rep. Connelly said he respects the Governor's opinion but regrets that he was not contacted by the Governor earlier to make changes in the bill. Connelly also said that the Governor's veto message does not reflect a concern the Governor's staff has raised about the problems the write-in rules might cause for smaller cities and districts.

NOTES:

The HSG analysis of HB 943 appeared in the April 5 Daily Floor Report.